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Antone's Nightclub celebrates its 35th anniversary with performances by Speak, White Denim, Guy Forsyth and Bob Schneider. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18.

'Good. Better. Best. Bested.'

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" shows at the Harry Ransom Center as part of the Making Movies Film Series. Show starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Campus watch

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600 Lavaca St.
A non-UT subject was reported as yelling obscenities at passing pedestrians while extending a single finger into the air. Unfortunately, the finger the subject used was not the typical finger one would use to express one's belief that they were "No. 1." This behavior obviously was disrupting the peace of those he addressed. The subject was located and issued a written criminal trespass warning citation. Occurred on Tuesday at 3:52 p.m.

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In 1815

Napoleon Bonaparte surrenders to Cpt. Frederick Maitland aboard the British Naval ship the HMS Bellerophon.

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"Opening a business was very similar to directing my films in college. My film-creating background gave me the internal fortitude to see my vision all the way to completion."

— Sean Henry
Houndstooth Coffee owner

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Incoming UT freshman killed by mother, mayor

By Michelle Truong
Daily Texan Staff

The mayor of a Dallas suburb fatally shot her 19-year-old daughter — who friends say was slated to go to UT this fall — before killing herself Tuesday night, officials said.

Coppell police found the two women, Mayor Jayne Peters and her daughter Corinne, with fatal gunshot wounds to the head in their home at 7:45 p.m. Police were asked to check on the mayor after she failed to attend that night's council meeting.

The Coppell Police Department said there were no signs of forced entry into the house, according to a statement released by the city Wednesday. Coppell police are also working with the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office to continue investigating the case.

"Because we do not have all the facts and the investigation is not complete, we cannot release any additional information," Deputy Police Chief Steve Thomas said.

Four notes were found at the Peters' residence, including one in an

envelope that was taped to their front door containing the house key and a typed note warning police they would find something unpleasant inside, Thomas said. He also said the other notes had instructions for managing family affairs but failed to provide an explanation of the deaths.

The Associated Press reported that no one else lived in the family's two-story home. Donald Peters, husband and father of Jayne

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Corinne Peters, daughter of Coppell Mayor Jayne Peters, receives her diploma during the Coppell High School graduation ceremony June 6. Both Jayne and Corinne Peters were found dead in their home, city officials said Wednesday.

Michael Ainsworth
Associated Press

Waiting for bats' flight at twilight



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Janelle Henderson waits with her family on the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge to see the bats emerge Wednesday evening.

Higher number of insects delays bats' nightly downtown appearance

By Leah Wise
Daily Texan Staff

Each evening from March to October, Austinites and tourists from all over the world line the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. The bridge is home to the largest urban bat colony in the world. At night, spectators can observe the famed emergence of between 1 million and 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats.

This season, however, many are leaving the bridge disappointed. The famous bats have not been departing as early as they were the past season and viewers aren't aware that the bats will not emerge until around 9:30 p.m.

Mexican free-tailed bats feed regularly on insects such as moths and mosquitoes.

"Due to heavy rains, insects have been breeding heavily," said Susan Kwasniak, marketing director of Bats Conservation International. "The bats have no reason to depart the bridge early on in the evening."

Last year, bats were departing the bridge as early as 6 p.m. because they had to travel farther away to catch insects that were less abundant because of drought.

"They can go as far away as 50 miles, but with so many insects available this

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Mexican free-tailed bat facts

- Their fur is reddish to dark brown or gray in color.
- In large colonies, Mexican free-tailed bats can consume up to 250 tons of insects.
- They can live up to 18 years.
- They are known as the "jets" of the bat world because they are very fast flyers.
- They are colonial mammals and tend to stick together, which may be why they emerge from the bridge a million at a time.
- They prefer to eat moths rather than mosquitoes.

Source: Bat Conservation International

Professor to help bring medical care to Haitians

By David Colby
Daily Texan Staff

Dr. Marilyn Pattillo, associate professor of clinical nursing at the University, will depart on a month-long humanitarian mission to Haiti and Colombia on Saturday.

The mission, known as Continuing Promise 2010, is sponsored by Project HOPE in cooperation with the U.S. Defense Department. Project HOPE is an international nonprofit organization that works to improve medical care and health education in more than 35 countries around the world.

Pattillo will serve as the Project HOPE medical officer for the first month of the mission, which will continue afterward for another three months. She will lead a 15-member medical team that will provide primary care to those in need as well as educating health professionals in Haiti and Colombia.

"I'm leading the whole team. I'm responsible for everything on the first rotation," Pattillo said, describing her role in the mission. "If there are any media events or diplomatic functions, I will have to be there. I'm hoping I can see patients and do some teaching, too."

The team will travel aboard the USS Iwo Jima, working closely with naval personnel who will provide security and logistical support in addition to lodging for the Project HOPE team. The team will stay in both Haiti and Colombia for 10

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Dr. Marilyn Pattillo
Associate professor

System, students under financial pressure

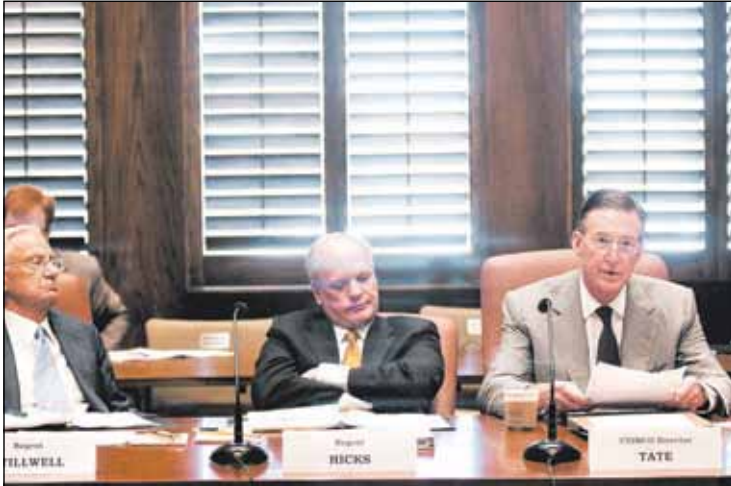
UTIMCO diversifies assets, boosts private investment to decrease economic risk

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The University of Texas Investment Management Company has diversified its assets in an effort to curb risk in a turbulent economy, top UTIMCO officials said at a UT System Board of Regents meeting Wednesday.

Presenters, including Bruce Zimmerman, the CEO and chief information officer of UTIMCO, reported to the board on the state of the system's four funds — the Permanent University Fund, the General Endowment Fund, the Short Term Fund and the Intermediate Term Fund.

According to UTIMCO's website, the PUF was established in the 1876 Texas Constitution and today contains 2.1 million acres of land in 24 Texas counties. This en-



Caleb Fox | Daily Texan Staff

UTIMCO director Charles W. Tate, right, gives a report on the Risk Committee at the UT System Board of Regents meeting Wednesday.

dowment is a permanent investment in the UT System.

"The overall investment performance, or operating revenue increases, are particularly important

because our operations for our campuses are largely budgeted as almost a break-even basis," said Scott

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National student-loan default rate rises while UT figures remain low

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The rate of students defaulting on student loans is rising across the country, and the increase may be attributed to a lower number of students entering their repayment periods. However, UT's rate remains low because University students generally succeed in the competitive job market, according to Thomas Melecki, director of UT's Office of Student Financial Services.

Melecki said Wednesday that the rate of students defaulting on their student loans is 2.7 percent, up from 1.9 percent last fiscal year.

While the University's upward rate of student-loan defaults reflects the national trends, national percentages are higher than UT's. The national percentage rose from

5.2 percent last year to 6.7 percent this year; at four-year public universities, the rate rose from 3.4 percent to 4.3 percent. In Texas, the default rate rose from 7.2 percent last year to 9.3 percent this year. According to data from the Chronicle of Higher Education, Texas College has a student-loan default rate of 41 percent, the highest in the state.

"It is clear to me that UT's rate rose not because more of our students defaulted — in fact, three fewer UT student defaulters were counted in the most recent rate than the previous year's rate — but because more than 3,800 fewer UT students entered repayment in the latest 'cohort period,'" Melecki

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Foot job.

BATS: Later appearance does not deter visitors

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season, they probably don't go further than 25 miles away," said Ashley Fuller, marketing and development associate of Bats Conservation International.

Furthermore, the bats are less reluctant to leave the bridge early because they more easily become prey for hawks during the daylight hours.

In the 1980s, the bridge was refurbished and concrete mix was poured in sections that happened to form crevices just the right size for bats to feel comfortable in.

"They want something that's waterproof, protects them from weather and a dark place where they can't be seen," Fuller said. "It's just an artificial habitat that happened to work, which is so important because natural habitats are declining and being destroyed."

Antony Maranca, general manager of Capital Cruises, said this difference in bat behavior was expected because of the difference in weather this year.

"Some people complain about the absence of bats, but we try to

make our cruises as entertaining as possible without the bats," Maranca said.

Ian Cruz and Tom Mendez, former UT-San Antonio students, brought their friend from Las Vegas to the bridge to show her the bats.

"It's something free and cool to do around Austin," Cruz said.

The group of friends don't perceive the late emergence of bats as a bad thing.

"You can't do this anywhere else," Mendez said. "It only makes it more of a nighttime thing to do."

Capital Cruises has pushed its public bat-watching cruise to a later time and has not let it affect business.

"We've still been selling out every night," Maranca said.

While a lot of people are eager to catch a glimpse of the bats and are disappointed, they still understand.

"Most people understand that it's nature and it's not something you can put on a clock or schedule," Kwasniak said.

As far as inconvenience goes, the three friends don't mind it at all.

"As long as it's not hurting the bats," Cruz said.

HOPE: Delays in cleanup effort make Haiti a challenging locale

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to 12 days before being relieved August 17.

Haiti, only six months removed from a devastating earthquake that destroyed much of the country's infrastructure, will be a challenging location for the team.

Pattillo, who previously worked with Project HOPE in 2007 on a trip to Papua New Guinea, expressed frustration with the current situation in Haiti.

"You see in the newspaper that the rubble is still there; they haven't cleaned anything up,

the presidential palace is not being used. The problem is with the aid money being held up by politics," Pattillo said.

Despite her frustration, Pattillo is optimistic about the project.

"I like the fact that we are going to concentrate on teaching. It's called 'capacity building,'" she said, noting the value that education has on a country's long-term prospects for improvement. "The goal of this mission is to send a strong message of compassion and commitment to Latin America and the Caribbean."

Perry, White talk immigration law

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

For the second time during the Texas gubernatorial race, Gov. Rick Perry and Bill White took each other to task over their immigration and education proposals at the National Council of La Raza conference in San Antonio.

Addressed by Perry on Friday and his Democratic challenger White on Monday, the delegates heard dueling views on immigration and education in the state.

"It would make our communities in Texas less safe, not more safe, if we took our police officers and sheriffs' deputies off the hard work of combating gangs to do routine immigration work," said White, who promised to veto any law that was similar to Arizona's recently passed, controversial immigration legislation.

It was the first time White had made a commitment to veto such a bill.

Perry told the conference he didn't support Arizona's immi-

gration law and blamed the federal government for the passage of the law.

"[It] may be right for Arizona, but it ain't exactly right for Texas," Perry said.

Still, Perry told FOX News talk show host Neil Cavuto late Monday that he didn't support the boycott of Arizona and that he wouldn't attend an annual conference of American and Mexican governors unless it was held in Arizona, as was previously scheduled. The conference was actually canceled before Perry made that announcement.

"We've got 1,200 miles of border and have been actively pursuing the issue of border security," Perry told FOX. "You cannot have an immigration reform debate until you secure the border."

Immigration has long been a contentious issue in the Republican Party. At the Texas Republican convention in Dallas, delegates passed a party platform that expressly called for an Arizona-style crackdown on illegal immigration.

"The governor has been clear on where he stands regarding immigration and believes our state's first priority should be to secure the border," said Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier, who said the federal government had failed to properly protect the border.

"This is an obvious play at trying to keep his base happy but at the same time try to placate Hispanic voters," said Dave McNeely, a retired longtime political reporter and columnist for the Austin American-Statesman. "It's like that old saying: Some of my friends are for that, and some of my friends are against that — and I'm with my friends."

White also used his speech at La Raza on Monday to promote his five-point plan to improve public education in Texas and attack Perry's record on education.

"Almost all of the improvements in Texas education [were] made because they changed the goal line and the rules the year before elections started," White said.

LOAN: Dropouts have higher default rates

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said. "I'm pretty sure that this is because many UT students who borrowed are going on for graduate study soon after receiving their UT degrees, as student borrowers do not enter repayment under federal rules unless they are remain unenrolled for six consecutive months."

Melecki said the low default rate is because UT students generally perform well academically and go on to compete for jobs in the real world. He said students who drop out of their academic programs may have lower levels of debt from leaving school earlier than their peers, but they have the higher default rates than those who graduate.

"In fact, we always found that, as a group, students with higher levels of indebtedness had lower rates of default than students with lower levels of indebtedness," he said. "[That's] because, under the annual limits that federal law places on student borrowing, it is students who persist and graduate who acquire higher levels of debt."

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of *Finaid.org*, an award-winning website that contains information on student financial aid, said penalties for defaulting on student loans can include harassment or lawsuits from collection agencies. Kantrowitz said the agencies are often how the federal government withholds federal and state income-tax refunds and

garnishes wages and Social Security.

"But the main thing they do is the harassing phone calls, calling everyone you know, your employer, calling you at work," he said. "Another major impact on the borrower is that their credit is ruined. Getting a credit card, getting an auto loan, getting a home mortgage, getting anything that would affect your ability to rent an apartment or getting a job is very hard."

He said students trying to get out of default have a one-chance opportunity if they default on a federal, but not private, loan. Students can get out of default and erase it from their credit history by paying nine out of 10 consecutive, full, voluntary monthly payments, he said.

ASSETS: UT System has slow investment year

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Kelley, executive vice chancellor for business affairs of the UT System.

"So if there are extraordinary gains, it will provide a significant impact to our overall strength moving forward, and if there are losses, it has the opposite effect."

Kelley said the UT System has a AAA credit rating, according to several credit-rating agencies, so while the system's debt has grown, it has been very low cost. He said UTIMCO's performance has a great impact on the System's bottom line.

Zimmerman presented a history of UTIMCO's investment portfolio for the past three years as well as

an investment strategy for the next three years, detailing the kinds of assets in which the PUF and other funds were invested.

"We took that money because we felt it was safer in the capital stack," Zimmerman said, detailing UTIMCO's investment moves over the past few years. "We were worried about the equity markets and we thought there were good risk-reward opportunities."

He said UTIMCO began to "increase its exposure" to private investments, real estate and natural resources, as well as private investment growth-related investments in emerging markets. The result was a more diverse, and hence a more risk-averse investment port-

folio, with 54 percent of UTIMCO's assets allocated to equity in 2010, down from 73.2 percent in 2007.

During a brief update, Zimmerman said UTIMCO officials held 1,045 meetings this year to monitor their existing investment managers and had 1,159 meetings with prospective managers. Of those, UTIMCO made only 19 new investments, a very slow investment year, Zimmerman said.

To manage \$20 billion, it costs about \$12 million — about \$8.4 million for salaries and benefits and the rest for other costs, according to Zimmerman's UTIMCO update. Currently, costs are forecast to be about \$300,000 under the company's budget.

UT finance professor Keith Brown presented an assessment of the endowment model as an investment strategy, which he said came under fire in 2008 after several universities lost money using the strategy during the downturn in the economy.

Brown said the point of diversifying assets is to reduce risk, not to increase return-on-investment, and UTIMCO has made several moves to diversify its asset allocation since the downturn in the economy.

COPPELL: Deaths shock members of community

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and Corinne, respectively, died from cancer in January 2008.

Corinne Peters was a 2010 alumna of Coppell High School, where she was a member of the drill team. She had planned to attend UT-Austin in the fall.

According to the AP, Diane Ianni, a neighbor of the Peters', said Corinne was excited about enrolling at UT and frequently wore Texas shirts. University officials could not confirm her enrollment at UT on Wednesday.

Well-wishers and mourners established a memorial for the two women outside their door by late Wednesday morning. Grieving friends and neighbors left flowers, wreaths and cards on the Peters' front porch.

Coppell City Council members were stunned at the news, according to the statement. At this time, they have asked that the community be allowed to pay its respects and mourn the loss of the Peters family.

Additional reporting by The Associated Press.

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Fight for control in Afghanistan



Alauddin Khan | Associated Press
Afghan policemen secure a police base that came under attack Wednesday in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Three U.S. troops and five Afghan civilians died in a car bomb blast and gunfire outside the base Tuesday.

Kandahar plays battleground for series of Taliban attacks in 24 hours

By Kay Johnson
The Associated Press
KABUL, Afghanistan — American forces suffered a deadly 24 hours in Afghanistan, with eight troops killed in attacks including an audacious Taliban raid on a police compound in the key southern city of Kandahar, officials said Wednesday.

A suicide attacker slammed a car bomb into the gate of the headquarters of the elite Afghan National Civil Order Police late Tuesday night in Kandahar, the international force said. Minutes later, insurgents opened fire with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

Three U.S. troops, an Afghan policeman and five civilians — three interpreters and two security guards — died in the attack, but NATO said the insurgents failed to enter the compound.

Four more American troops were killed elsewhere in the south Wednesday by a roadside bomb, while one more U.S. service member died the same day

from gunbattle wounds, also in the south. NATO gave no further details of those attacks.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi telephoned reporters Wednesday to claim responsibility for the attack. The insurgents, who are prone to exaggerate death tolls of their enemies, claimed 13 international troops died in the raid.

Also in Kandahar, a pro-government cleric and member of a local people's council was gunned down in a mosque Wednesday. Haji Khalifa, a member of the Pajawai district shura, or council, was shot dead as he prayed, provincial shura member Agha Haji Lalai said.

He said assassinations have increased in Kandahar as insurgents make the point that they can still operate despite the extra security.

NATO and Afghan patrols are stepping up patrols around Kandahar province to pressure insurgents in rural areas. The strategy is to improve security with

more and better-trained police and troops so that capable governance can take root and development projects can move forward and win the loyalty of ordinary Afghans.

The Taliban have responded by ratcheting up suicide attacks and bombings.

So far in July, 45 coalition troops have died in Afghanistan, 33 of them Americans, continuing the upward trend of the previous month, which was the war's deadliest for the NATO-led force, with 103 international soldiers killed.

However, a top U.S. commander in the south said Wednesday that the new operation should start reducing violence in coming months.

The special Civil Order Police had only recently sent 600 more officers to Kandahar to set up checkpoints along with international forces to try to secure the south's largest city, the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban.

Army Brig. Gen. Ben Hodges, a top U.S. commander in south-

ern Afghanistan, said Wednesday that the new Kandahar operation is still in its early stages and security will begin to improve in coming months as additional American and Afghan forces move into violent areas.

"It's a rising tide," he said. "And that tide is starting to come in now. We're going to start feeling those positive effects here as July turns into August."

In the contested district of Zhari, where the government has far less control than in Kandahar, Hodges said the timing of the beginning of combat operations will depend on when the Afghans are ready to take the lead in governing. American military forces could clear these areas quickly and decisively, he said, but doing so without establishing local governance and permanent security forces would have negative consequences.

"All that would accomplish is a lot of casualties, ours as well as Afghans," he said, "and we would create even more insurgents because we'd be leaving."

Iranian scientist claims abduction, denies defecting

By Lee Keath & Nasser Karimi
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian nuclear scientist who disappeared a year ago headed back to Tehran on Wednesday, telling Iranian state media that he was abducted by CIA agents who tried to bribe him into speaking out against his homeland. The U.S. says he was a willing defector who changed his mind.

Shahram Amiri's reappearance broke into the open as a bizarre intelligence drama. U.S. officials dismissed accounts of a kidnapping and suggested Amiri returned home because he missed or feared for his family. But much of the case remains mysterious, including the exact circumstances of how the defection fell apart and what information, if any, he provided about Iran's controversial nuclear program.

Also unknown is whether the 32-year-old scientist could face any punishment in his homeland after the State Department said he came willingly to the United States and was in contact with the government.

U.S. officials never acknowledged he was on American soil until Tuesday, hours after he turned up at the Iranian interests section of the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, asking to be sent home. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Amiri had been in the United States "of his own free will and he is free to go."

In an interview with Iranian state Press TV before heading home, Amiri elaborated on his abduction account and denied he

was ever a willing defector. "If I had sought asylum [in the U.S.], why did I not take my family out [of Iran]? What was the reason for me to escape Iran and seek asylum without sending my family out first?" he said in the interview, aired Wednesday.

On Wednesday, Iranian state media were heavily promoting the account that he was the victim of a CIA kidnapping, and politicians were declaring a victory over the "terrorist state" America — suggesting that at least for now, the government would rather squeeze the return for propaganda value than overtly retaliate.

U.S. officials would say little about the circumstances of Amiri's defection and what went wrong. But there were suggestions that threats to his family in Iran pushed Amiri to first make the claims he was kidnapped.

Vincent Cannistraro, a retired CIA officer, said he believes Amiri was not recruited by the CIA but volunteered to provide information to the agency about Iran's nuclear program over a period of years before he came to the U.S. Cannistraro said he believed that after Amiri's defection, the Iranian government threatened to harm his son as leverage to get him back to Tehran.

"It certainly was an embarrassment to the Iranian government, and clearly they wanted him back," Cannistraro said.

Amiri, flying home via Doha, Qatar, was expected to arrive in Tehran on Thursday. It is unclear what sort of reception he will receive.



Courtesy of The Associated Press
This image from a YouTube video, which appeared on Iranian television June 7, shows Iranian nuclear scientist Shahram Amiri.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Nine states back Arizona law, argue right to protect borders

DETROIT — Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has filed a legal brief on behalf of nine states supporting Arizona's immigration law.

The Republican gubernatorial candidate said Wednesday that Michigan is the lead state backing Arizona in federal court. Michigan is joined by Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia, as well as the Northern Mariana Islands.

Cox says states are authorized to enforce immigration laws and protect their borders.

The Arizona law directs officers to question people about their immigration status during the enforcement of other laws, if there's a reasonable suspicion they're in the U.S. illegally.

President Barack Obama's administration recently filed suit to block it, saying immigration is a federal issue.

Argentine Senate debates law legalizing same-sex marriage

BUENOS AIRES — The Argentine Senate is debating a proposal to legalize same-sex marriage.

The law would give gay couples the same rights as heterosexual ones, including the right to adopt. It is strongly opposed by the Roman Catholic Church and other religious groups who held a massive march in Buenos Aires on Tuesday.

The issue has divided the Senate, where it has about as many supporters as it does opponents.

The legislation has already

been approved by Argentina's lower house of Congress and has the support of President Cristina Fernandez.

If the law is approved Wednesday, Argentina will become the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage.

BP permitted to test tighter cap on oil leak after review of plan

NEW ORLEANS — The federal government gave BP permission Wednesday to go ahead with testing its new, tighter cap over the Gulf of Mexico gusher after a daylong delay to satisfy worries about whether the work might make the leak worse. National Incident Commander Thad Allen said at a news briefing that testing would begin later Wednesday after the plan was carefully reviewed.

"There is a tremendous sense of urgency," he said, but added that nobody wants to make "an irreversible mistake."

BP had zipped through week-end preparations and gotten the 75-ton cap placed atop the well Monday. The device is meant to stop the oil and pump excess to ships, raising hopes the gusher could be checked. BP was getting ready to test pressure on the well by closing valves in the cap when the government intervened late Tuesday.

Allen said the delay was necessary to settle lingering questions about whether the cap, once the valves are closed, could force oil under pressure to create new leaks.

"We sat long and hard about delaying the tests," Allen said. But he said that in the interest of the public, the environment and safety, the pause was necessary, and now they were convinced the test can go forward.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

Police deny guilt in Katrina shootings

By Mary Foster
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Three police officers charged in the killing of two unarmed residents on a New Orleans bridge after Hurricane Katrina and a cover-up that followed pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

Sgts. Robert Gisevius and Kenneth Bowen and Officer Anthony Villavaso stood before a federal magistrate in green prison garb, shackled at the waist and ankles. They will remain jailed at least until a hearing Friday. A tentative trial date is set for Sept. 13.

Magistrate Louis Moore Jr. read the counts — 13 against Bowen, 11 against Gisevius and 10 against Villavaso. Former officer Robert Faulcon made his initial court appearance Tuesday in Texas, where he was arrested,

but has not entered a plea.

The charges against the four carry a maximum sentence of life in prison or the death penalty, although U.S. Attorney Jim Letten said the Justice Department hasn't decided whether to seek the latter punishment.

The family of two victims — Ronald Madison, who was killed, and his brother, Lance, who survived — sat in the front row of the packed courtroom. Gisevius cried quietly as he stood with his lawyer.

"We'll be able to pick this indictment apart," said Frank DeSalvo, Bowen's lawyer. "There is a lot of fantasy there."

Bowen, Gisevius and Villavaso were suspended without pay after the indictments were released Tuesday, NOPD spokesman Bob Young said Wednesday.

Five former officers already

have pleaded guilty to charges that they helped cover up the shootings. Prosecutors have said police fabricated witnesses, falsified reports and plotted to plant a gun to make it appear that the shootings were justified.

The shootings at the Danziger Bridge happened Sept. 4, 2005, six days after Hurricane Katrina smashed levees and left the city flooded and in chaos.

Seven heavily armed New Orleans police officers stormed the bridge about 9 a.m. Prosecutors said they shot at the first people

they saw, people they say were crossing the bridge to find food.

The indictment claims Faulcon shot mentally disabled Ronald Madison, 40, in the back as he ran away on the west side of the bridge. Bowen is charged with stomping and kicking Madison while he was lying on the ground, wounded but still alive.

Bowen, Gisevius, Faulcon and Villavaso also are accused of shooting at an unarmed family on the east side of the bridge, killing 17-year-old James Brissette and wounding four others.

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VIEWPOINT

White isn't Perry Lite

With the gubernatorial election only months away, democratic candidate Bill White is trying to downplay his liberal beliefs to garner votes from the less-than-liberal Texas electorate, and boy, it ain't pretty, y'all.

White's campaign team recently launched a website, *ShootStraightTexas.com*, to debunk "falsehoods" that have surfaced during the election — exaggerations and occasional outright lies that were mostly circulated by Perry's campaign staff, who know a thing or two about how to be obnoxious, both on the Internet and in real life.

The governor's campaign team, Texans for Rick Perry, throws around the word "liberal" as if it were a dagger. On their attack website, *LiberalBill.com*, White is called a "liberal trial lawyer" ad nauseam and is painted as a "shady" liar who tries to hide his extreme beliefs.

Creating a website to clarify White's positions is a good idea, but the execution — to shoot straight with you — is embarrassing.

White's website is rife with faux-folksy rhetoric that's meant to make White seem like a straight-talkin', no-nonsense, down-home authentic Texan. In other words, the White campaign is trying to out-Perry Rick Perry.

Clarifying White's position on the Second Amendment, the website reads: "Rick Perry's consultants and cronies have been telling cowardly lies about Bill White and guns. ... Bill White fights for the Texas way of life, which includes an incredible hunting and sporting tradition."

Cowardly lies? Fighting for the Texas way of life? It's almost impossible to read without imagining an overzealous cowboy.

White also brags about having "a pistol for protection and a hunting rifle."

OK, but Perry jogs armed with a laser-sighted pistol with hollow-point bullets, and he shot and killed a coyote because it looked at his dog.

White registered for a hunting license in September, but Perry owns the "Super Combo Hunting and Fishing" hunting pass. Anybody who owns a hunting license with the word "super" automatically wins the Mr. Second Amendment contest.

White complains about "Internet smears" that claim he's opposed to home schooling. According to the website, not only does White support parents who choose to home-school their children, he's even "hired home-school graduates as key members of his campaign staff."

Call it a sneaking suspicion, but we think it's safe to assume that Perry will receive roughly 2,000 percent of the home-school vote.

The site also disavows White's support for cap and trade, trial attorneys and illegal immigrants "who commit crimes."

It should really be called *BillWhiteIsNotA-Democrat.com*.

The strategy is clear. White already has the liberal vote locked up, so he can appeal to independents and liberal Republicans by touting his more moderate positions. In and of itself, this is perfectly fine, but White can achieve the exact same effect by promoting his support for veterans and small-businesses — with rhetoric that's a little less goofy and a little more authentic.

White received bipartisan support as mayor of Houston because he is pragmatic and a centrist, not because he is Perry Lite.

— Lauren Winchester for the editorial board

By Jonathan Rienstra
Daily Texan Columnist

BOLIVAR PENINSULA — As I sit here writing, I am sweating profusely. My forehead has a distinct tan line that jumps from luscious white to baboon red, and 10,000 mosquitoes the size of sparrows are munching on my fat cankles. I have not shaved in a week, and while most people are shunning me as I write this on the porch of my house here on Bolivar Peninsula, I could not be happier.

A 30-minute ferry ride from Galveston, Bolivar Peninsula will never be confused for Hilton Head Island or Cape Cod. The sand is neither white nor soft, and the water resembles chocolate milk. But all the scenery that Bolivar lacks, it makes up for in character. This perennial and distinct personality is imperative, because in the two years since Hurricane Ike wiped the peninsula clean, character is the only constant.

Most of the sand dunes are gone, and the beachfront houses are only just beginning to sprout up again. Along the main road, State Highway 87, buildings the storm wrecked still sit unfixed. Garrick Bernsen, superintendent for local business Brint Construction, says that most believe 5,000 to 7,000 houses on the peninsula were either severely damaged or destroyed. But there is progress.

During last year's Fourth of July celebration, Bernsen said, there were trucks parked on the beach only every 100 yards, and two weeks ago, there were shoulder-to-shoulder crowds stretched across the beach. Brint Construction has built 30 houses since Ike, and another 450 have been put up by the five other major construction companies on the peninsula.

"More established local businesses are starting to come back here," Bernsen says. "There was nobody down here last summer really, but this year people are starting to bring Bolivar back to where it was. I really think, eventually, that Bolivar will become even more of a destination than it once was."

It is not there yet, but the new things are beginning to outnumber the old. Even some of the old businesses are up again, too, such as Coconuts Restaurant and Pub, a Jimmy Buffett oasis off the main road. Susan Daley is a bartender there and has lived on the peninsula for 22 years. She says she never dreamed that anything like Ike would happen, which forced her to move from her two-bedroom, three-bathroom house into the single room where she currently resides.

"When I came back, it broke my heart," she said. "I should be close to retirement, but I've had to start all over. Bolivar isn't much to look at right now, but if you live here it's like being in a big family."

Daley believes the sense of community among locals is what brought people back and keeps them working to revive the peninsula. She worries that besides the wreckage from Ike, people think that the beach has been inundated with the oil from BP. Even with the occasional tar balls here and there in the sand, honestly, in the 21 years that I've come to this beach, there's never been less debris and trash. The community has an intense sense of pride, and it seems most residents would stay even if Ike returned each year.

Right now, Daley wants people to know that Bolivar Peninsula is still around and keeps growing stronger.

"We may be battered, but we're not beaten," she says. "Let everyone know we're still here and we still want people to come and enjoy this place with us."



Photo courtesy of Garrick Bernsen

During the 2010 Bolivar Mardi Gras parade, people lined the streets for 3 miles. For many, the event was proof of the community's resilience.

Bolivar Peninsula does not have the most beautiful water or the softest sand. It is not on the Travel Channel's list of "25 Hottest Beaches in America." It is hot, dirty and simple, but it is beautiful and exemplifies Texas in its most honest form. There are no pretensions in the chocolate milk-colored water, but when the mosquitoes attack, they are drawing Texas blood — and that is something that cannot be discounted.

My family has been coming to Bolivar for more than 55 years. Last year we were not able to because of the storm. But I am back again, and as I look out on the water as the sun burns my toes, I feel no desire to leave. I want to vacation here permanently. Maybe this time next year you can join me in rebuilding this forgotten Texas paradise.

Rienstra is a journalism junior.

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Natural gas alternatives

By Emily Grubert
Daily Texan Columnist

Natural gas has been losing fans lately as the excitement of new drilling technologies brings expanded drilling that automatically increases the occurrence of low possibility — but potentially high-impact — mistakes. After all, when you do something 10,000 times, even a 1-percent failure rate means 100 mistakes.

First, a crash course in natural gas and its recent history in the United States: Natural gas is mostly methane, an odorless gas that may have some smelly components added to it so you can tell when your stove top is left on (it is not gas-oline!). Natural gas, which burns more cleanly than coal, fuels a lot of power plants, but the power is often more expensive than power from coal because natural gas prices tend to be unpredictable and somewhat higher than coal.

Recently, people have figured out how to extract natural gas from shale formations at a competitive cost. Shale is a very fine-grained rock, which makes it difficult for the natural gas to move around, so companies have started drilling natural gas wells horizontally through the shale, then pumping a bunch of water, sand and chemicals into the rock to crack it. The cracks are about a millimeter across, held open with sand and big enough to let gases in the rock feel the lower pressure of the ground-level well-head.

The technique of cracking the rock with water, sand and chemicals is known as hydraulic fracturing (abbreviated "fracing" by industry and "fracking" by people who worry about pronouncing it right), and it's scaring a lot of people who are concerned about water contamination.

The industry's story is that fracing can't possibly hurt drinking water, since fracs (and the target gas) are usually thousands of feet below potential water supplies. But anti-gas activists' story is that fracing is letting methane and dangerous fracing chemicals into water supplies all over the country and that the technique should be banned.

So, what's really going on? The industry is actually correct in that the fracs are far from drinking-water supplies in almost all situations. Anti-gas camps are correct that water contamination near frac jobs is a possibility, and a dangerous one. But the threat isn't from the frac itself, and the methane that gets into water is usually not from the gas that companies want — it's from shallower gas

deposits that aren't targeted for drilling, but that wells may penetrate them on the way down.

Improved cementing jobs and zonal isolation can take care of the problem. The chemicals in the frac water, too, are not really a threat to drinking water in the frac itself — but getting the chemicals to the well, down the well, back up the well and disposed of leaves some room for error.

Chemicals can spill on the surface, both before they go into the well and after they're partially produced out for disposal, and they can escape into water sources from the well if the well isn't properly designed and executed.

Basically, in a perfect world, natural gas drilling probably isn't a problem for drinking-water supplies, and since so much more natural gas can be produced from a single horizontal well with fracturing than from a traditional vertical well, the energy and land-use benefits are probably worth the substantial amount of water put into the well to get natural gas out. Plus, horizontal drilling gives you more choice of where to put your wells. So, whereas a well might have been drilled in a gorgeous canyon or lake in 1920, now we can put it a mile away in a less obtrusive place and drill under the canyon or lake. But we aren't in a perfect world.

People spill. People don't finish wells properly. The BP spill has put that possibility in our heads, certainly. So as more natural gas development using hydraulic fracturing proceeds, more accidents will happen, and a single accident can contaminate a lot of water. So we need to get better about that, and we need to hold companies accountable for managing their chemicals and handling their wells appropriately.

But what are the alternatives? Natural gas development is newly scary and threatens new water sources with new chemicals. To avoid it, we can use less energy. We can push for renewables. Or we can keep using coal. Coal mining is probably worse for water supplies in the long run — it can (and frequently does) disrupt water tables, bury streams, turn surface waters bright orange and add heavy metals, sediment and all sorts of other contaminants to water. And there are cases where single mines have been contaminating water since the Roman era.

So, while natural gas needs to clean up its act, it is important to realize that continuing the status quo — using coal — is probably much worse for water.

Grubert is an energy and Earth resources graduate student.

GALLERY



BOMBS AWAY!



Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Radio-television-film senior Chilton Mendez jumps off a rope swing at Lost Creek on Wednesday.

TONES: Lead singer describes band’s evolution, past venues

From page 6

Palace in San Francisco. The lights came on, and I think the audience fully expected to see The Police, although I don’t know why — they weren’t due on for hours. Instead, they got our completely stripped-down, rinky-dink, anti-rock-star, ridiculous selves. They hated us from the first moment. There was no way to win them over, so there was nothing to do except hurl profanities back at them and try to avoid getting hit by quarters. I collected quite a bit of money off the stage at the end of our set.

DT: You used to perform at CBGB as well as other popular New York venues. Could you describe how your live performances might have changed from playing those venues to playing venues now?

PZ: Well, sets were much shorter then, a precedent set by the Ramones. Also, people “posed” a lot more then, something I didn’t like. But there was always the feeling of being part of something very secret, yet important, something you had been waiting most of your life to be part of. We were lucky to be there, and we knew it. Oddly enough, I enjoy playing more now, and I’ll actually sing into the microphone, which greatly adds to the song quality. We also don’t destroy equipment the way we used to. Not me, certainly; you can’t buy a used Farfisa for 50 bucks anymore.



Courtesy of The Fleshtones

The Fleshtones are a garage-rock band originally from Queens, New York. They have opened for James Brown and The Police in the past.

Well, maybe somewhere in Texas you can. Let me know.

DT: If you could collaborate with anyone, who would it be?

PZ: [Vocalist and guitarist of The Fleshtones] Keith Streng. What do you expect? Elton John? Most artists I admire are better off doing what they do alone, or have already done what I’ve wanted to hear a long time ago, like Ray Davies. Plus, I’d guess a lot of these people can be very “difficult.”

DT: Some people view music today as being very progressive while others view music today as lacking the soul and spirit of past generations. Where do you fall on this spectrum, and where do you think music is headed?

PZ: People have always accused the contemporary music scene as lacking soul and cre-

ativity. There has always been mindless stuff taking up a lot of the airwaves and popular imagination, even when guys like Jackie Wilson were burning up the stage. It does seem things are particularly lame now, especially as bands like us do draw on the past a lot. But I remember thinking that The Beatles sounded “old-fashioned” the first time I heard them as a child — they certainly were drawing on the past to create music they didn’t think was being made at that particular moment.

DT: Any parting words for the folks who are going to come see you guys play?

PZ: Don’t miss us. It’s a hell of a lot more fun seeing us than reading about us. You never know what’s going to happen.

Fee fight may leave ‘Mad Men’ dark

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A fight over programming fees has taken a new hostage: the season premiere of AMC’s “Mad Men” on July 25.

AT&T Inc. said Wednesday that Rainbow Media, a subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corp., is playing hardball in fee negotiations over three channels: AMC, IFC and WE tv.

Their current agreement expires at midnight Wednesday. If no deal is reached, Dallas-based AT&T said that Rainbow may pull its signals, leaving those channels dark for some 2.3 million of AT&T’s U-verse TV subscribers in 22 states such as California and Texas.

The fight is reminiscent of earlier fee disputes between cable operators and content providers. Consumers were put in the crossfire as those down-to-the-wire talks jeopardized shows like the Oscar awards and college bowl season.

Like in other disputes, both sides are making their cases on websites. AT&T has said it is fighting for consumers and wants to hold the line on fee increases, while Rainbow says its programs are worth it.

AT&T alleges that Rainbow has made unreasonable demands, including saying that AT&T could keep its existing lineup only if it also pays for such channels as Sundance Channel and Wedding Central.

The telecom giant also made a point of singling out Rainbow’s parent company, Cable-

vision, the nation’s fifth-largest cable operator, which itself has had contentious negotiations with other channel providers.

In separate fee disputes this year, Cablevision customers have experienced brief blackouts of The Walt Disney Co.’s ABC broadcast signal and Scripps Networks Interactive Inc.’s Food Network and HGTV.

“It’s unfortunate that Rainbow Media, owned by Cablevision, is clearly not negotiating

in good faith ... and is acting in a way that harms competition and limits consumer choice,” AT&T said in a statement.

Rainbow said it has been negotiating in good faith for several weeks and said it was AT&T that was threatening to pull the plug.

“We are disappointed that AT&T is publicly threatening to take away our networks, including AMC’s ‘Mad Men,’ just days before the season premiere,” it said.



Jon Hamm portrays Don Draper in the AMC series “Mad Men.” The series’ July 25 season premiere might not be seen by 2.3 million viewers as the fight between AT&T Inc. and Rainbow Media over programming fees continues.

Courtesy of AMC



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Date: July 15, 2010
To: All Students at The University of Texas at Austin
From: Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Subject: TEXAS HAZING STATUTE SUMMARY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN’S HAZING REGULATIONS

The 70th Texas Legislature enacted a law concerning hazing. Under the law, individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense.

According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing; by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allowing hazing to occur; or by failing to report, in writing to the Dean of Students or another appropriate official of the institution, first-hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution and immunizes that person for participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for failure to report is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or confinement for up to two years.

HAZING DEFINED

The law defines hazing as **any intentional, knowing or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.** Hazing includes but is not limited to:

- A. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body or similar activity;
- B. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- C. any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student;
- D. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection;
- E. any activity that induces, causes or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY RULES

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of the university to enforce its own rules against hazing under Chapter 16 of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*. In addition, *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System*, Series 50101, Number 2, Section 2.8, provide that:

- (a) Hazing with or without the consent of a student is prohibited by the System, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline.
- (b) Initiations or activities by organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful or degrading to the student. A violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

DANGEROUS OR DEGRADING ACTIVITIES

Activities which under certain conditions constitute acts which are dangerous, harmful or degrading, in violation of Chapter 16 and subsections 6-303(b)(3) and 11-804(7) of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities* include but are not limited to:

- Calisthenics, such as sit-ups, push-ups or any other form of physical exercise;
- Total or partial nudity at any time;
- The eating or ingestion of any unwanted substance;
- The wearing or carrying of any embarrassing, degrading or physically burdensome article;
- Paddle swats, including the trading of swats;
- Pushing, shoving, tackling or any other physical contact;
- Throwing any substance on a person;
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages accompanied by either threats or peer pressure;
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- Any form of individual interrogation;
- Any type of servitude that is of personal benefit to the individual members;
- Wearing of embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing;
- Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, harassing other organizations;
- Intentionally messing up the house or a room for clean up;
- Demeaning names;
- Yelling or screaming; and
- Requiring boxing matches or fights for entertainment.

DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RESOLVED VIA MUTUAL AGREEMENTS

In accordance with requirements of the *Texas Education Code* Section 51.936(c), the following organizations have been disciplined for hazing and/or convicted for hazing, on or off campus, during the preceding three years:

- **Absolute Texxas*** Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (Completed November 19, 2009).
- **alpha Kappa Delta Phi*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (June 10, 2013).
- **Alpha Tau Omega*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (May 13, 2012).
- **Beta Chi Theta*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (August 24, 2010).
- **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** Penalty issued November 10, 2009 (Suspended through December 31, 2009; Probation for 18 months following reinstatement of chapter).
- **Delta Tau Delta** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- **Gamma Beta** Penalty issued November 16, 2005 (Suspended through November 16, 2006; Probation through November 16, 2007).
- **Kappa Alpha Order** Penalty issued December 14, 2004 (Cancelled through December 31, 2006; Suspension ongoing).
- **Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 12, 2009).
- **Lambda Phi Epsilon** Penalty issued December 20, 2005 (Cancelled through December 19, 2011; Suspended through December 19, 2012; Probation through December 19, 2013).
- **Omega Phi Gamma*** Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (November 19, 2009).
- **Phi Delta Chi-Pharmacy*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed March 5, 2010).
- **Phi Gamma Delta*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 15, 2010).
- **Phi Kappa Psi** Penalty issued February 7, 2006 (Cancelled through February 6, 2007; Suspended through March 27, 2008; Probation through March 24, 2010).
- **Sigma Alpha Epsilon*** Conditional registration is five (5) years (April 7, 2013).
- **Sigma Chi*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed May 16, 2010).
- **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (July 16, 2009).
- **Sigma Phi Epsilon** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.
- **Silver Spurs*** Conditional registration is three (3) years (May 19, 2011).
- **Texas Cheer and Pom*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 23, 2011).
- **Texas Iron Spikes*** Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (Completed March 16, 2010).
- **Texas Spirits*** Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 19, 2009).
- **Texas Wranglers*** Conditional registration is two (2) years (October 6, 2010).
- **Zeta Beta Tau** Found to be in violation; Penalty pending.

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To report an act of hazing to the Office of the Dean of Students, visit <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/complaint.php>. For further information or clarification of probationary member activities, contact Student Activities and Leadership Development (SALD) in the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Services Building (SSB) 4.400, 512-471-3065.

EVENT PREVIEW
THE FLESHTONES

The Fleshtones
share ‘super rock’
with eager fans

By Mark Lopez
Daily Texan Staff

The Fleshtones emerged in the punk and new-wave scene in the 1970s and became well-known at New York venues, including CBGB, Club 57 and Danceteria. They have opened for James Brown, Chuck Berry, The Police and even shared a rehearsal space with fellow garage-rock contemporaries The Cramps.

By sticking to their trademark garage-surf-rock sound, The Fleshtones have maintained a strong fan base for more than three decades. Taking time from their busy touring schedule, lead singer/organist Peter Zarella was able to share a few words with The Daily Texan about the good old days of rock ‘n’ roll, and the love of touring and performing for audiences today.

The Daily Texan: You have been a band for more than 30 years. Who were your initial influences, and who are your influences now?

Peter Zarella: We were thrashing around for a couple of years, always talking about starting a band, wanting to play old Stones, Eddie Cochran and Yardbirds-type R & B. Seeing the Ramones in 1975 settled all the confusion, and we put together The Fleshtones and played CBGB in May of ‘76.

DT: How would you describe your sound?

PZ: We call it ‘Super Rock’! Half joking, but yeah, all of those influences are mushed up in there. It’s all the music we got a kick out of listening to as we grew up. We don’t discriminate.

WHAT: The Fleshtones

WHERE: The Continental Club, 1315 S. Congress Ave.

WHEN: Saturday at midnight

TICKETS: \$12 at the door

DT: You’ve opened for James Brown and Chuck Berry. What were those experiences like?

PZ: I had seen how shabbily Berry treats other musicians, so we were very pleasantly surprised when he was civil to us. It turned out he wanted to borrow one of our tuners. I always figured he expected everyone to tune to him. It was on the

feast day of Barcelona; about 100,000 people were there — by far the largest crowd we ever played in front of. We opened for James Brown at the Zenith in Paris, a big arena kind of place. It was all very professional, an honor really.

DT: What was the best show you’ve ever played?

PZ: There have been many. Our first show in Paris, at The Palace, comes right to mind. It was mayhem: screaming fans, riot police in the streets, dancing and singing on top of cars, then a late, late dinner with the French Hells Angels.

DT: And the worst?

PZ: Actually, we haven’t had too many. Something usually redeems our performance one way or another. However, a really bad time onstage was opening for The Police at the Cow

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Above, Sean Henry opened Houndstooth Coffee on North Lamar Boulevard in May. Below, the Dallas native hopes to attract a wide range of customers because of the shop’s central location and its proximity to UT’s campus.

Alumnus handcrafts quality java

By Zach Miller
Daily Texan Staff

Sean Henry has brought together functionality and commodity in his recently opened coffee shop, Houndstooth Coffee on North Lamar Boulevard. Henry, a 2004 radio-television-film UT alumnus, opened Houndstooth in May after deciding he wanted to do more than serve an average cup of coffee. Henry aims to use his extensive knowledge of beans and brewing to provide a boutique coffee experience for his patrons.

“Opening a business was very similar to directing my films in college,” Henry said. “My film-creating background gave me the internal fortitude to see my vision all the way to completion.”

Being a coffee craftsman is something Henry enjoys. He gets a sense of satisfaction from working with his hands and being knowledgeable about his products.

“I like what happens here,” Henry said. “I get to share a little part of people’s day.”

With multiple brewing methods

and a wide variety of beans, there seems to be no path toward achieving great coffee that Henry hasn’t traveled with Houndstooth.

The bar where Henry and his staff handcraft each Houndstooth drink is a large structure that serves as the focal point of the building from any seat in the shop. This might seem to be of little consequence, but since the bar is close to just about every customer in the place, it creates a friendly atmosphere. The bar is also set up so customers can see exactly how a barista is making a drink, and this transparency is exactly what Henry was aiming for. Henry said he designed the place to have an open community feel.

Houndstooth offers four espressos daily and coffee beans from three different roasting companies to ensure the shop is using top-notch beans from around the globe. Henry has also set a high standard for employees so they can be as knowledgeable as possible about the coffee they serve. Henry compared knowing and recognizing



ing the flavors of beans based on the regions they come out of to the way wines are identified by the region of the world they come from.

Henry said there is even a difference in the way one type of coffee will brew in the morning than in afternoon. He strives to be consistent and careful in his brewing at all times, providing something you might not get everywhere.

WHAT: Houndstooth Coffee

WHERE: 4200 N. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 120

HOURS: Weekdays, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; weekends, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

“Most places don’t care [enough] to make a good cup of coffee,” Henry said.

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Mezcal drinks pack smoky flavor, spicy punch

THIRSTY THURSDAY

By Mary Lingwall

Mezcal may not be the easiest liquor to find in Austin, but at the few places that it is available, mezcal can be crafted into some of the most distinctive drinks in town.

Originally created in Mexico in the early 19th century, the best-known mezcal is tequila. Though all tequila is mezcal, not all mezcal is tequila. All mezcal liquors come from the agave plant, also called the maguey. But tequila can only be made from the blue agave, while eight other agave plants have been used to create other distinct flavors of mezcal.

The type of agave plant is not the only thing that differentiates tequila from other kinds of mezcals. Mezcal is unique because of its bitingly smoky flavor. While tequila is made from steaming or boiling blue agave plants, the uncommon flavor of mezcal is created through the process of oven-baking or roasting the innermost part of the plants, the pinas. After roasting, the pinas are squeezed of their juices, which are then fermented and distilled according to the traditions of their producers — often indigenous village communities from the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

Only a handful of bars and restaurants in Austin serve the spirit, and popular consensus in the U.S. is often not in mezcal’s favor because of its pungency. Never a subtle drink, mezcal cocktails are gaining popularity here in Austin, according to a seasoned mixologist at Pêche.

“People are finally getting interested in things that actually have flavor again,” he said. “Even the popularity of vodka is slowly

decreasing here.”

You can find mezcal at authentic Mexican restaurants such as La Condesa or Garrido’s, but if you’re not in the mood for a full-scale meal, there are a select few bars that serve it as well.

Pêche, 208 W. Fourth St.

Oddly enough, Austin’s premiere absinthe and pre-Prohibition drink spot, Pêche, is the only place in the city where a wide variety of mezcal cocktails are served. While the drinks aren’t advertised on the bar’s menus, there are about six different mezcal cocktails that the experienced bartenders at Pêche can whip up.

The Scorned Conzuela — a mix of mezcal, sweet vermouth, Cynar, house-made spicy Spanish bitters, muddled jalapeno and flamed orange peel — is the spiciest of Pêche’s mezcal offerings. The aromatics of a Scorned Conzuela are remarkably similar to the smell of raw beef. And the flavor of the drink has the intense smoldering flavor of smoked meat, but the combination of the jalapeno and citrus embellishment makes it surprisingly drinkable.

However, I must caution that a Scorned Conzuela is for sipping only. If you’re looking to pound back drinks, this will have you worshipping the porcelain gods before your night even gets going.

On the other side of the flavor spectrum is Pêche’s Smoking Monk. A combination of top-grade mezcal with green and yellow chartreuse, lime juice and Benedictine, the Smoking Monk is an exceptionally smooth way to serve the potentially brash liquor. Still sharp with the meaty smokiness of mezcal, the Smoking Monk is balanced with fresh, herbal flavors. Much less jarring

Caleb Fox | Daily Texan Staff

At Takoba, a recently opened Mexican food restaurant in East Austin, you can substitute mezcal, a smoky agave liquor, for tequila. Shown above is a mango-habanero margarita with Monte Alban mezcal.

than the Scorned Conzuela, the Smoking Monk is a great introductory drink for those who are unfamiliar with mezcal.

Chupacabra Cantina, 400 E. Sixth St.

I heard about Montezuma’s Revenge after a Yelp.com query for mezcal in Austin led me to a Chupacabra Cantina reviewer who wrote that it was “quite foul in the flavor department.” A bold mix of absinthe and mezcal, I expected to have a similarly negative experience with Chupacabra’s vengeful shot-sized mezcal option. I predicted that it would taste like bile. But I was pleasantly surprised by Montezuma’s Revenge. I have never been a huge fan of the

cough-syrupy flavor of absinthe, but when combined with mezcal, absinthe’s note of licorice and herbal zestiness is complemented so as to be just as bold, but somehow less harsh. Similarly, the absinthe didn’t exactly hide the mezcal’s signature smoky flavor, but it tamed it just enough. Unexpectedly, absinthe and mezcal balance each other out. Then again, I definitely did not take Montezuma’s Revenge as a shot. I drank my Revenge slowly and with a side of water, savoring each sip.

Takoba, 1411 E. Seventh St.

Recently opened Mexican cuisine cafe Takoba has three mezcal varieties available at its bar, including two of the highest-grade mezc-

als on the market — Del Magu-ey brand’s Minero and Chichicapa varieties. Takoba serves the Del Magu-ey mezcals straight up, or with a splash of water as an after-dinner drink. Though exceptionally jarring to my stomach, some people enjoy sipping on mezcal after a meal, similar to the tradition of an after-dinner Grappa drink in Italy — the harsh drink is supposed to calm the full feeling of a post-food stomach.

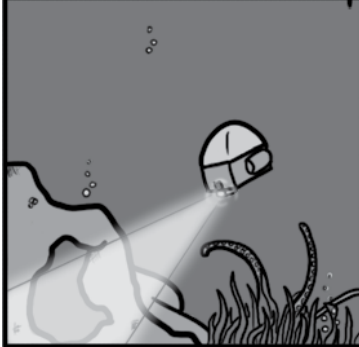
But I was much more impressed by the mango-habanero margarita with Monte Alban mezcal substituted for tequila. With homemade habanero syrup, fresh muddled habanero slices, mango mix, Cointreau, simple syrup and lime juice, the mezcal is well-buffered, but not hidden, by these less-harsh flavors.

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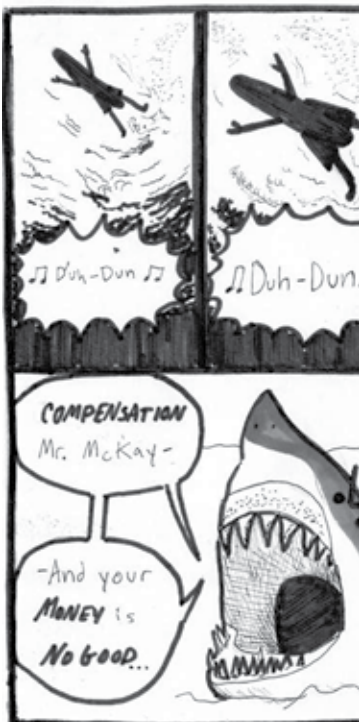
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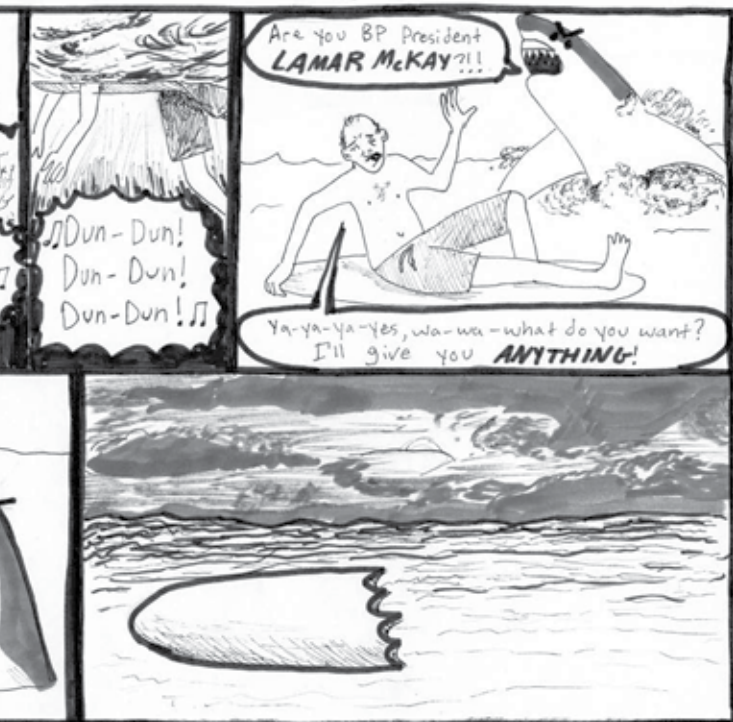
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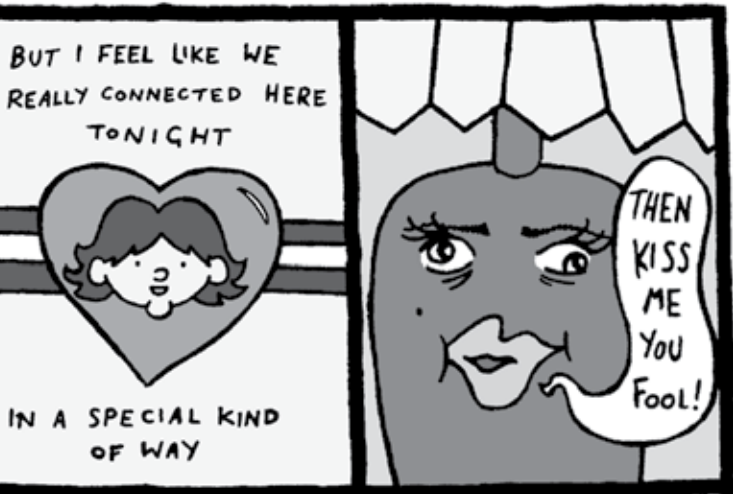
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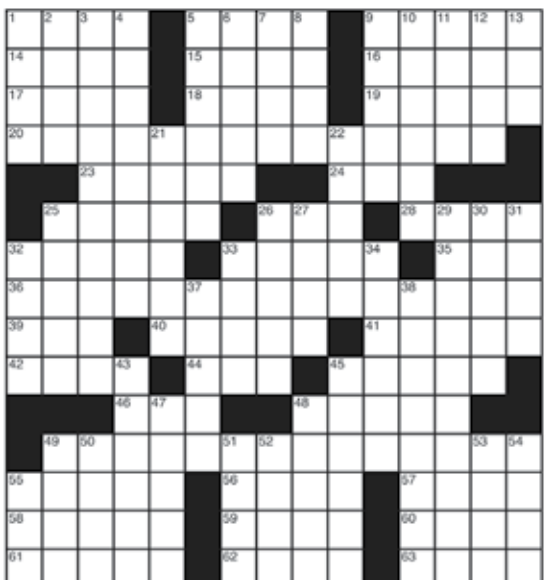
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 - 5 Auckland native, informally
 - 9 Erased
 - 14 Uninspiring
 - 15 Promising start to a marriage?
 - 16 Jazz count?
 - 17 Correct with surgery, maybe, as the eye
 - 18 Spill (over)
 - 19 Sitting in a cask, say
 - 20 61-Across + 9-Across
 - 23 Elaine ("Seinfeld" role)
 - 24 Rock grp. once promoted as "the English guys with the big fiddles"
 - 25 Not be deadpan
 - 26 Food label abbr.
 - 28 Tiny amount of time: Abbr.
 - 32 Prosciutto di (Italian ham)
 - 33 Backed (away from)
 - 35 Sch. whose Board of Visitors once included presidents Madison and Monroe
 - 36 9-Across + 26-Down
 - 39 Gift received at Honolulu International Airport
 - 40 Be runner-up
 - 41 Way
 - 42 Phnom
 - 44 Bug
 - 45 Work with wavy lines, maybe
 - 46 "Go ___ your mother"
 - 48 Aerosol targets
 - 49 26-Down + 61-Across
 - 55 Bill with a picture of Ben
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- Across**
- 30 Eclipse, e.g.
 - 31 Boppers
 - 32 Amazing Stories, e.g.
 - 33 Toronto daily
 - 34 Really criticize
 - 37 "Looks good to me"
 - 38 "To whom it may concern" alternative
 - 43 Hotfoot it
 - 45 Nonalcoholic beer brand
 - 47 Pooped
 - 48 Like some bodybuilders' bodies
 - 49 Skinny
 - 50 "Wasn't my fault!"
 - 51 Title first used by Simeon I of Bulgaria
 - 52 Piece of cannelloni, essentially
 - 53 Tot's injury
 - 54 Something that's spun
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OUTDOORS

Sports, social club offers outdoor fun to local residents

Hill Country Outdoors hosts wide range of events in relaxed environment

By Bri Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

With the Longhorns excelling in nearly every sport and a go-to place such as Sixth Street, Austin is the place to be when it comes to sports and socializing. Making the city even more attractive, Bill Talbot has created Hill Country Outdoors.

Labeling itself as Austin's "most active outdoor, sport and social club," Hill Country Outdoors focuses on offering members a wide variety of sporting and social events each week, allowing Austinites the opportunity to explore the Hill Country alongside a fun and friendly group.

With events ranging from outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and rafting to slower-paced social gatherings such as wine tastings, the group offers something for everyone.

"Our members range from people in their 20s to people in their late 60s," Talbot said. "Our goal is to just provide a mix for all kinds of people since activities are more enjoyable as a group."

The club boasts hundreds of members and puts on more than 70 events each month, all of which be found on its website, making planning an adventure for the upcoming week a breeze.

"Memberships are based on plans where people can sign up for whatever fits them best," Talbot said. "We take the pain out of their butts by planning everything ourselves, so all they have to do is click on our page, sign

up and show up."

Noted as Austin's most active and fastest-growing sports and social group, the club maintains a relaxed, no-pressure environment, open to couples and families. By paying a simple fee, members can gain access to special features on the club's website and help cover administrative costs of events.

The club also has several event leaders who meet each month for planning, make members feel welcomed and encourage fun.

"We have about 35 event leaders right now who loved our group so much they wanted to lead," Talbot said. "This helps us keep a full and diverse calendar, with about 100 events each month."

Event leader Brett Jackson is not only a member of Hill Country Outdoors but also a member of Austin Fit, a local running group.

"By hosting events for both groups, I've helped certain [Hill Country Outdoors members] take up running, which wouldn't have happened if they didn't have this association to introduce them to something new," Jackson said.

The club's activities stay consistent all year long, as they change with the seasons. Paddling and party barges are currently planned for the group.

Service is another important aspect of the club, as members sometimes use volunteering as their week's activity. The club has worked with Habitat for Humanity and local food banks, for example.

"We make sure we're serving Austin at least once a month," Jackson said. "But we're also having fun. If it wasn't fun, we wouldn't do it."

"If it wasn't fun, we wouldn't do it."
— Brett Jackson
Member of HCO



Courtesy of Hill Country Outdoors
Members of Hill Country Outdoors enjoy an afternoon floating on a river. The club hosts dozens of sports and social events each month.

FORMULA ONE

Austin gears up for Formula One



Bruno Morlan | Daily Texan Staff

Above, seven-time Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher rounds the hairpin at Montreal's Gilles Villeneuve Circuit earlier in the season. Austin is scheduled to host a Formula One race starting in 2012 with the future track's location being released this summer. Below, fans from all over the world travel to different race locations to support the international lineup of drivers.

Race to be only one of its kind in United States set to start up by 2012

By Bri Thomas
Daily Texan Staff

Racing fans, rev your engines, because Formula One is heading to Austin.

When the 2007 season ended, it seemed the United States was done with racing, with past F1 races held in cities such as Indianapolis and Las Vegas. In May, however, Austin was finally deemed the perfect location for a new track.

"We are working with a team of investors to bring Formula One to Austin by 2012," said Trey Salinas, Formula One's local project spokesman. "More information regarding site location, master plan, track design and facility renderings will be released this summer."

A major U.S. investor has committed to executing this idea by securing a 10-year agreement and partnering with Full Throttle Productions, the promoters of the United States Grand Prix.

Financial considerations were another reason Austin was chosen as the new location. Through its ability to support such exciting attractions and by continually bringing visitors in, Austin has proven to be one of the strongest economies in the nation.

"[Austin] has the ability to support a project of this magnitude while providing visitors with the opportunity to experience one of the most unique cities in the world, geographically and culturally," Salinas said.



And the visitors will be brought in, no doubt about that. Not only is the city one of the largest in the country, its tourist population is outstanding as well. When combined with the number of racing fanatics, Austin is expected to boom.

"The location is at the epicenter of a surrounding population of close to 20 million people," Salinas said. "It is easily accessible by nationwide and international fans alike due to its prime location between North America, South

America, Central America and Europe."

The organizers behind this idea claim that Austin's environment, not just its geography, makes it the best choice.

"The natural topography of Austin will provide an excellent canvas for the Formula One track," Salinas said. "Drivers, fans and others involved in F1 racing are expected to be pleasantly surprised with the unique track to be built in Austin."

Formula One fans will benefit

greatly, and so will the city of Austin. According to Salinas, more than 130,000 fans are expected to attend what will be an annual race that could bring in as much as \$300 million to the region. The city will also get international recognition with millions of fans worldwide tuning in to watch the event on TV.

"With its connectivity, activity and infrastructure, Austin is the perfect host city for re-introducing Formula One racing to the United States," Salinas said.

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